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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 12, 2005
AMENDMENT OF JANUARY 12, 2006

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the amendments above and the following comments.

The disclosure was objected to because of certain informalities on pages 5-22. In response, Applicants have corrected these items.

Claims 21-45 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, as claiming new matter. The Examiner objects to the language "100% water-soluble." In response, Applicants have amended the claims to recite "100% water-redispersible," for which Applicants believe the Examiner concedes support. See point (3) on page 4 of the Office Action ["The examples disclose colloidal metal oxides that are *redispersible in water* * * *."]

Claims 24, 25, 30 and 31 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner objects to the phrase "the main group of the Periodic Table." However, the amendment dated October 18, 2004, already changed this wording to "*a* main group of the Periodic Table." Consequently, the objectionable language does not, in fact, appear in the claims, and this rejection is in error.

Applicants believe that the foregoing constitutes a bona fide response to all outstanding objections and rejections.